



March 3, 2020

Sen. Lee Heider, Chairman Senate Resources and Environment Committee  
Idaho State Capitol  
700 W. Jefferson St.  
Boise, Idaho 83702

RE: CSF support of HB 544

Chairman Heider and committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) to comment on House Bill 544.

With over three decades in the policy arena, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) works with different levels of government to advance and protect our outdoor sporting heritage and traditions. Rooted in the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, the largest, most active bipartisan caucus on Capitol Hill with nearly 250 Members of Congress, CSF has extended this legislative network from Washington, DC to states across the country, establishing the bipartisan National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) and the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC). Presently, NASC is comprised of 49 state legislative caucuses with over 2,500 legislators (including the Idaho Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus), while the GSC includes more than half the governors from throughout the country. Together, CSF and this collective force of bipartisan elected officials work to protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping for the nearly 40 million sportsmen and women who spend over \$90 billion annually on outdoor pursuits.

CSF supports the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) efforts to work with your committee and the Legislature on HB 544. We applaud IDFG for working with the Pacific Flyway Council and US Fish and Wildlife Service in using best available science to establish seasons for tundra swans and support this effort.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

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CSF supports the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) efforts to work with your committee and the Legislature on HB 545. We applaud IDFG for the proposed expansion of the upland gamebird program to additional properties outside of wildlife management areas and support this effort. Such changes would complement current state and nationwide efforts to increase hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation by offering additional upland game bird hunting opportunities for sportsmen and women throughout the state.

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